City of Concord, New Hampshire



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ELECTION DAY CONSTRUCTION POLICY

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The public's ability to access the polls in our community is imperative. Although our staff does an outstanding job in managing the City's construction projects, it is extremely challenging to ensure that work in the public right of way will not result in restricted travel lanes, closed roads or impeded sidewalks that could discourage would-be voters on election days. In an effort to help ensure the free flow of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists on these important dates, all city contracts that entail any element of construction in the public right of way shall prohibit work during the hours in which Concord is holding a primary, general or special election as determined by the Concord City Clerk.

Should city staff serving as project managers believe the work that would otherwise be accomplished during voting hours is essential and can be carried out without any of the *unacceptable conditions* outlined below, they may seek a waiver from this policy.

Unacceptable Conditions

- Road closures;
- Travel lane restrictions (including temporary lane reductions or one-lane usage):
- Detours:
- Sidewalk closures:

Waiver requests shall be addressed to the City Manager and include the following:

1) Written explanation as to the critical nature of the work; and a

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2) Detailed written description of the construction indicating how unrestricted access will be maintained during the entirety of the work day.

All requests for a waiver to this policy must be received by the City Manager's office, at least, 10 business days prior to the date for which relief is sought.

This policy does not preclude the City's leaf-collection efforts nor work in the public right of way to address unforeseen emergency situations that threaten public health or safety including, but not limited to, ruptured water/sewer lines, sink holes or downed trees.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.

City Manager